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***Remember:*** ***Forestry activities in all wetlands, regardless of size, should be conducted in a manner that minimizes adverse impacts on the unique functions and conditions of these ecosystems.***

Refer to the following regulations and/or information documents when conducting forestry activities in wetlands:

- Fifteen (15) federally-required practices for forest roads in wetlands, as cited in 33 CFR Part 323.4(a)(6)(i - xv): Discharges Not Requiring Permits.

These 15 requirements are cited later in this section.

- The November 28, 1995 Memorandum to the Field issued jointly by the U.S. EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This memo outlines six (6) federally-required practices for mechanical site prep work when performed for pine plantation establishment on jurisdictional wetlands and specifies when a Section 404 permit is needed to conduct these activities.

These 6 requirements are cited later in this section.

- The November 2004 information document from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers entitled: Information Regarding Compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act Section 404(f)(1) Provisions for the Construction of Forest Roads Within Wetlands, in North Carolina. **Due to its length, this document is printed in the forestry BMP manual.**